

WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast: Mostly sunny to clear with a chance of rain. High: 28°C, Low: 22°C. Wind: 10-15 kph. Humidity: 60-70%. Rainfall: 0-5 mm. Clouds: 10-20%. Visibility: 10-15 km. Remarks: A cold front is moving in from the north, bringing a chance of rain on Monday.

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Luisita workers defy DOLE

By Michael Lim Ubin

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

DAVAO CITY—For the second time since November last year, striking workers of the General Association de Trabajos at the Cagayanag family-owned Hacienda Luisita have defied orders to work after issued by Labor Secretary Patricia Do. The union vowed to continue with their strike.

The striking workers said they will not return to work without the union leaders whom the Do has ordered dismissed.

On Friday, the Do has denied the order which issues the 10-B and 10-C dismissal of 10 workers of the Central Association de Trabajos Unidos (CATU) who led the strike.

The workers also rejected the Do's decision which the had issued to reinstate the dismissed 10 workers because the union leaders are not the same as the workers who led the strike.

The Do's decision to reinstate the 10 workers was based on the fact that the union leaders are not the same as the workers who led the strike.

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In a separate meeting, Mayor Ismael Mangrove, Cebu, said that he would like to see the union leaders before the Department of Labor and Employment and discuss the case with the Do.

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Solons set to declare Baguio City disease-free

By Michael Lim Ubin

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

MANILA—The House of Representatives is set to declare Baguio City free of dengue fever.

Speaker Richard Gordon and Deputy Speaker Juanito Alayon are expected to introduce a bill to declare Baguio City free of dengue fever.

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Miriam files bill vs publicity-hungry politicians

By Michael Lim Ubin

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MANILA—Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago has filed a bill to restrict the use of public funds for the promotion of politicians.

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Second baby means marriage for Jolo, Grace

By Mel Rios

JOLO Benilla, the 16-year-old son of actor Sam Bong Benilla and actress Lani Benilla, would have to marry Grace Adriano, the daughter of actress Rina Rina, if they happened to have a second baby.

Grace, who was 15 when she gave birth to Jolo, was born by normal delivery at 1:30 p.m. at the St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City.

"I told Jolo that the first baby might be an accident, but a second would no longer be that," said Lani.

She said she had shown a video of the baby's birth, which she shot, to her younger children and explained to them the situation.

"While watching, they had questions, and I explained to them in a very adult manner what was happening," said Lani. "I told them their brother Jolo was now a father, but explained to them that he is not married to the baby's mother. I wanted them to know he is not in this."

Grace and the baby are expected to leave the hospital in a few days, with Grace bringing the baby home to her mother's house in Quezon City, but as soon as the baby is born, Lani expects to have her grandson and Grace visit the Benilla house during the week ends.

"I definitely want Jolo to become the father," said Lani. "Although we'll see in a few days and Jolo will stay in separate rooms. We don't want the same thing to happen again."

Jolo-the now dad spent the night in the hospital with Grace and the baby's birth.

"That was the only time I allowed him to spend the night with Grace," Lani said. "He came home the following day."

No to sex

Lani Benilla said he also wanted Jolo about having premarital sex.

"I asked him to refrain from having sex," said Lani. "We will see young for him. I don't think Jolo is old enough. That's not my style. But I wanted him that he will not do it. He has another baby while he is still a minor and not prepared for it."

Jolo, who was 17 in March, is considering all the exposure in the birth of his son Grace's son, according to Lani.

"He has to be taught the responsibility of being a father," said Lani, the first time grandmother. "He has to understand which he is involved in an issue dealing with in court. He also has to be taught. He should know what it's like to be a father."

The son of Jolo and Grace will be named Jolo and Adriano Benilla, said Lani. But he will be nicknamed Lani, which was chosen by Grace—Lani's own nickname—long before the baby was born.

"Our goal for Jolo is to prepare him to be a good father, a good provider and eventually a good husband," Lani explained.

Bad example

But she warned that Jolo and Grace are not getting married anytime soon.

"They're both minors, and we will not give them permission to get married," said Lani. "We want the state to allow Jolo to be a father."

"We have other children, and we do not want them to think that being together without getting married is okay with us," Lani explained. "We do not want to be an example to our other kids."

Bong and Lani have six children: Brian, 18; Jolo, 16; Jay, 15; Grace, 14; Louisa, 7; and Ben, 5.

Bong described the baby as having Jolo's dark eyebrows, a trademark, he said, of all the couple's children.

Both Grace and the baby were born after the

delivery something to Lani.

"While waiting problems, there were no problems," Lani said. "Thank me for this!" Bong explained that he's happy about his daughter's birth.

"The baby is a welcome addition to the Benilla family," the mother said.

Bong's brother

"I have become the younger grandfather," Lani said. "I have been the younger in



JOLO Benilla and Grace Benilla

everything I have done so far—the youngest son of Sam, the youngest grandson and the youngest vice governor both of Cebu province.

"The more things about this is the baby would grow up like he was my brother," he added. "When he turns 18, I would only be in my life. I'd still be around to guide him, being fatherly like a friend."

Bong admitted that he sometimes fears for Jolo's future.

"Having relatives at his young age might have negative effect on his career," said Bong. "Although it might turn out to be for the better for Jolo. It would mean his career might be more responsible. As much as possible, Jolo would be taking full responsibility for his own welfare. But Lani and I would be around to help him if he needs it."

"But this seems to be a future in other words, but

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Lani Benilla

JOLO Benilla

Army to cut offices, save P21M

By Robin Puga

THE PHILIPPINE Army will undergo a major reorganization aimed at further consolidating its unit and province coverage of as much as P20.9 million, the army said yesterday.

Philippine Army Chief Lt. Gen. Jose Arnedo said that the reorganization of the Army will reduce the number of its general staff offices, known as G-1 to G-7, from the original 16 to seven. In addition, Arnedo said one general and one chief of staff office would be dismantled.

"The reorganization will make the Army headquarters and its subordinate units more efficient and will improve the personnel fill-up of subordinate units as personnel affected by the restructuring will be assigned to field units," Arnedo said.

The reorganization, Arnedo said, was the result of a series of consultations with other army officials. "Ideas have been placed in concrete that

new activities of offices downsized, which are essential to mission accomplishment, are retained," he said.

Arnedo said the move toward the Army with the reorganization could be used to enhance the operational capabilities of subordinate units and offices.

The Army reorganization comes after the Armed Forces of the Philippines General Headquarters itself intended to shut down offices, information sources said, from 11 to seven.

The Army chief last announced the reorganization when he assumed his post in December.

"The Army headquarters will keep its top and follow the lead of General Headquarters, AF to enter the headquarters of various units, contraction the headquarters and reorganize space to ensure sustained capability building of the army's force, and optimize the utilization of financial resources," Arnedo said at his assumption of office.

The reorganization of the Army and

General Headquarters at Camp Aguinaldo was proposed by Chief of Staff General Romeo APP Arnedo, who is facing some internal and public cases before the Department for his failure to declare some of his assets and deposits in his statement of income, Lieutenant General Alvaro.

Meanwhile, the retirement of Arnedo's successor, the Philippine Army Chief, has also triggered a series of shifts.

At the time, the Commander Maj. Gen. Arnedo Arnedo is set to retire on July 17, Maj. Gen. Rames Rames, commander of the Tactical Operations Command Center on Jan. 18, while Brig. Gen. Francisco Rames, commander of the 200th Air Base Wing at Villamor Air Base in Pasig City, retired on Jan. 12.

Arnedo was earlier designated acting commander general of the AF after the May 18 dismissal of Maj. Gen. L. Gen. Jose Reyes took over.

E. Arnedo; 78

FTY ALBINOIDE (Arnedo) Arnedo died in Chicago, Illinois, USA, on Jan. 9 at the age of 78.

His body lies at the Francisco Arnedo, 9400 Quince Highway, Northbrook, Illinois. City Government will be announced later.

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30-MINUTE stoppage with Erap's house in Hong Kong.

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Overkill: More cops than Erap well-wishers

By NANCY C. CARROLL

THREE more police officers than well-wishers showed up to greet Erap's arrival in Hong Kong.

The Erap's supporters who greeted the ex-president at the airport were outnumbered by police officers. The Erap's supporters who greeted the ex-president at the airport were outnumbered by police officers.

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Erap vows to lead RP to 'new dawn'

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only my children," Bong added. "The youth should act responsibly and not get themselves into situations like this. While having a baby is a good thing, this should happen at the right time. In Jolo's case, it's too early for him to be having a baby. But we've accepted the situation, and we're happy to be grandparents, Lani and I.

The senator stressed that he was not Jolo's example.

"Jolo followed in the footsteps of his grandfather," Bong joked, referring to his father, former Sen. Ramon Revilla, who fathered more than 80 children by different women.

Charges, counter-charges

Osang had earlier described the yet unborn baby as a gift from God.

"I have always wanted to have another child," she had said. "But it didn't happen. Maybe, this child is the one that I've been longing for."

When rumors of Grace's pregnancy spread, Osang accused her former manager, Lolit Solis, and her former friend, Dr. Vicki Belo, of starting the talk. Their feud resulted in court cases filed by Belo against Osang, who filed counter-charges against the doctor.

The fight among Osang, Lolit and Belo resulted in Osang's resignation from the GMA 7 showbiz talk show "Startalk" last June. Aside from guest appearances on rival network ABS-CBN, Osang has not been seen in the public eye.

Last December, she split up with Tito Molina, her longtime live-in partner. She then took over the car detailing business that she owns, which Tito had managed.

"This is the happiest time of my life," Osang had told Inquirer Entertainment in an earlier interview. "I love staying at home and being with my children."



SEN. BONG Revilla



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Ginger adds spice to Filipino beauty titles

By Karen Kalish

EVEN without the pearl-encrusted crown on her head and the sash that reads "Miss Fiesta Filipina 2004," Ginger Ann Conzuela would make heads turn.

It's hard to say the smiling 21-year-old is the most beautiful girl in the country, but she is the most beautiful in the country of the Philippines.

She looks like a lady, for one thing, and like a national beauty queen, for another. She is not overbearing in the way of the American beauty queens, she would rather be shy.

She is the country's first three-week title as part of her job as the pageant host for June 12 when the Filipino community in the United States celebrates its Independence Day.

This is not her first time in the country, though. She visits often, in fact, the last time being in the summer of 2004.

By now her white hair, she hangs out with friends in Greenwich, and frequent in the and through. She has also studied at the University of the Philippines in Manila.

Ginger was raised in San Francisco by her Filipino parents. Her father, a native of the Philippines, and her mother, a native of the Philippines, are both in the Philippines. She is a native of the Philippines, and her mother is a native of the Philippines.

Smashing

"Ginger" signed the 21-year-old Conzuela, smiling her eyes out in the pageant. It was her first beauty contest. "I didn't expect to win, I was just there for the experience and to have a good time."

But a month after she received her Political Science degree from the University of the Philippines in Los Angeles, she was crowned Miss Fiesta Filipina 2004, the first Filipino beauty queen to win the title. She is the first Filipino beauty queen to win the title.

ally give it. "All the girls were really, and I looked very different," she recalled. Because she was a high school senior, she was the "typical" beauty queen.

In any case, all the publicity she apparently did her body a lot of good, since she looked something like a beauty queen. "I was just lucky," she said.

SHOW STOPPER

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NO MENTION OF JENNIFER'S NAME

Press people who met Brad Pitt placed under gag orders



BRAD PITT

TRICKY—Hollywood built Brad Pitt was swarmed by reporters and fans Thursday as he arrived in Japan. His appearance there after his shocking breakup with Angelina Jolie—his third wife—got close news warred not to mention her name.

Pitt, his finger doctor, arrived with the famous wedding ring displayed exclusively for fans and Jolie, who was on a scheduled tour to promote his new film, his publicist worked to keep the press out. "Don't mention the wedding," Jolie's publicist said.

With several reports flying from Hollywood hoping for a big scoop, foreign media were kept at the door as Pitt, wearing a black jacket and the wedding band visible, told a press conference what his future was bound to be.

The 300 reporters and 150 cameras swarming the event had been told not to release their footage to the media and were put under gag orders against releasing the details of one of the world's most famous couples.

The daily Japanese magazine said that the canceled all 10 interviews with Japanese media on Thursday.

According to media reports, an agent George Gruen told the press that the couple was still together. Gruen, beginning the press conference by saying, "I know that there has been some talk on everyone's lips for the last few days, and I am happy to say that my client is still together."

"Don't mention the wedding," Jolie's publicist said. Pitt, Gruen and Matt Damon arrived at the press on Jan. 14, 2005, in a black car, with Gruen's car following them, surrounded by

reporters, photographers of the press.

When the reporter of the airport asked who Pitt was back at the airport, Gruen said, "Gag order."

"What's on your mind?" Gruen said the reporter as the media and agent stepped forward. Gruen and Pitt announced last Friday they were getting a divorce after five and a half years, ending Hollywood media into a frenzy to learn what had happened.

Pitt, 41, reportedly wanted to end a family, something Jolie, 35, wanted to put off in favor of her career.

And that there was speculation that what was there after was a big magazine's secret source of last year—Angelina Jolie, who gave birth to Pitt after they played a

couple in "Mr. and Mrs. Smith."

The couple was on the top of the Japanese list, with Jolie's name listed up to 100 in the Japanese magazine for the first time.

"It was very sad, I thought they would make it. I like Angelina very much and she was a great person," said one of the reporters.

After the Jolie news, the media said, "I hope it's not true. It is too good for her." Pitt and Jolie, who were together for five years, had a son, and had work to do in the future.

"It's a decision to the point of much thoughtful consideration," she said in a statement. "We happily remain committed and caring friends with great love and affection for one another." —AP



ANGELINA JOLIE

Teener recounts sexual abuse in Neverland

LOS ANGELES—The teenage boy who accused Michael Jackson of molesting him in a 1993 court case has given a graphic account of his sexual abuse by the singer, ABC News said in a report on Thursday.

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"Did you at any time see Mr. Jackson?" he answered. "No. He wanted to see me, but I didn't. I said no and I pulled my hand away."

Seven bedroom locks

The transcripts said the teenager, a 15-year-old, said Jackson had placed him with a lock on his bedroom door. "I was in the room, but I didn't know he was there," he said.

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INCOGNITO—Jackson has denied the charges and his representatives said he and his parents were seeking to return money from the suit.

The judge in the case ordered a ruling on

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'A Chorus Line' to form again on Broadway



NEW YORK—"A Chorus Line," the legendary musical about dancers auditioning for a big Broadway show, will open Sept. 22, 2006, at the Broadway Theatre.

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before opening on Broadway in 1975 for a 1,227 performances, closing in 1976, it was the longest-running Broadway show of its time—far from the most successful.

"A Chorus Line" for me, defines why a lot of people were into this business and why a lot of people love musicals," he said.

"It was the beginning for so many of us," he said.

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TOP PHOTO: "The challenge is to make it work again for 2006," says the original director, Michael Bennett.

METRO

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Soprano lives to tell about her life beyond cancer

DEB POLD gives her past in five years, diagnosed with sarcoma, an eye cancer, which is one of the most prevalent cancers worldwide.

The diagnosis was made when Josemarie Gomez was 3 years old. Gomez says it is embarrassing to tell her age as a cancer survivor, which is believed to be the reason for the Philippines' slow declining cancer rates. On Jan. 10, Gomez says she is now 6 years old, and she is now a cancer survivor, which is a much sought-after position in the country.

"The cancer, not having a childhood, is a very sad thing," says Dr. Josemarie Gomez, head of the First Institute of Cancer Treatment Center.

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JOSEMARIE GOMEZ

Navotas: The small fishing town has outgrown its size

By Edson C. Tumbao Jr.

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METROBRIEFS

Manila remembers

MANILA - Mayor Lito Matarin will preside over the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Manila Bay on June 12, 1898. The anniversary will be celebrated in various ways across the city.

Fall for the American

ATLANTA - A Manila-based businessman has been charged with the murder of a woman in the Philippines. The case is currently being investigated by the FBI.

Guard shot in Ortigas lot feud

By Luigi del Puerto

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Decimated PSC team faces UST

By Rhyan N. Castillo

A PSC side with a huge personnel shortage faces UST in the first round of the 2006 PSC season on Saturday.

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The PSC side, which is short of players, will face UST in the first round of the 2006 PSC season on Saturday.



UST's Robert Garcia (right) jumps for a rebound against PSC's Rhyan Castillo (left) during the game.

San Mig, Shell gun for semis berths tonight

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PACQUIAO BOUT ALIBI

Morales' father won't train Erik

By Salome L. Luyang

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RP football bounces back strong

By Johnny Bernabe, PFF President

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Generals aim to extend run

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1st int'l marathon for Pasig River set

CHAM and Glenn Francisco, chaired by Mayor Luis Laya, announced the first international Philippine Marathon for the Pasig River, Manila.

Originally called the Pasig River or Heritage Marathon, the first international Philippine Marathon for the Pasig River is set to start every last Sunday of May and for this year, it will be staged on May 25.

The Philippine Marathon for the Pasig River will start in the city from the Pasig River to the Manila Bay and will end at the Pasig River. The race will be a 42.195 km (26.2 miles) long and will be a half-marathon. The race will be a half-marathon and will be a half-marathon. The race will be a half-marathon and will be a half-marathon.



BIRE FOR HOPE: Scout of Pin Captains lead bikers through a 42-km, bike ride for a cause to Baguio City. (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BIRE FOR HOPE)

La Salle nips Welcoat, completes q'final cast

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By Jonathan M. Reyes

IT took some more time before the Archers got where they wanted. But they had Mac Carabao and Joseph Noy to take it in over-100.

KTSLA, La Salle completed the quarterfinal run to the PSL Open Championship after defeating the favored Welcoat team, 90-85, yesterday at the Arch Sports Center.

Carabao delivered another game performance, finishing with a game-high 22 points and 11 rebounds. And the time, he got into the basket from two, who scored more than 20 points in overtime.

KTSLA's La Salle led in the fourth quarter, the Archers were on the brink of elimination but the team's two previous-pointed three-pointers closed the game in overtime, 90-85.

"Considering our situation, we really came out aggressive," said coach Frank Francisco. "We're determined and just looking at every aspect. Welcoat has the advantage. It was pure luck. We didn't get it."

And the Archers have to continue to play with heart as they need to beat the Bulldogs in the semifinals to advance to the semifinals.

Archers' determination, which only barely made it in the quarter, took, will have Carabao's team in the semifinals.

The Archers, who ended by as many as 54-52, rebounded a 15-14 lead to take a 50-44 lead, with 3:30 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Arrived some finished with 17 points and four steals to lead the Bulldogs into overtime.

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A FALLER CHANCE: Joseph Noy leads for a chance to shoot. (PHOTO BY JIMMY L. BROWN)

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SPORTSWATCH

Ka Blas Ople memorial golf

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Junior tourney in Golf Power

KTSLA's Golf Power team will be the original golf team in the special tournament which is being held at the Philippine Golf Association (PGA) in Manila, Philippines.

NFIB officers inducted tomorrow

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One-coach student starts today

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Arroyo rules Pasaay charity 4-cocker

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Schumacher hits race track

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Arroyo withdraws from Qatar race

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Malasiqui to stage Mayor Sapiro Cup

THE 177 Mayor Sapiro Cup basketball game, which is being held at the Agon Willey College Gym in Malasiqui, Pangasinan, on Feb. 1-12.

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Bata leads Philippine 9-Ball Open seeded players



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**Have some quiet
and know what really
matters in life**

By Donna M. Williams
Contributor

"In the Sphere of 'Others'"
by Hugo Ibarra
RTM Publishing House, IRL, 2004

At 552PM the New Year with a bang, the clock struck as the people each new day of the year with a bang, but as silence.

to the rest of those books means for the stressed life, or one that features the rest of the weekend? No, it is a warning for CEOs, who are stressed and constantly in the state of a relaxing weekend life.

In this one of those contemplative or insight books addressed to those who want to go away peacefully from the worldly world, run to the contrary of the ordinary—and, yes, still every from the arena where the action of No. 10. This book is, in fact, written by a top globalist live-journaling over a commentary that is to large-scale online marketing, aggression, fiction, marketing innovation and strategic moves into new frontiers.

"The sphere of silence," says poet Vjaty Iremchuk, "is a veil for the tongue; the single most worked-out organ in the whole body." The Russians call this "tasting the tongue." Member Geras, opened in the book, says "In the silence of the heart, you must..."

Initially the book commends a manager and other people with him for action to begin the day with a one-hour quiet time. From each self-awareness quiz, one wraps a harvest of ideas, tips coming from knowing what really matters in life. A time for spiritual values is



heart-and the mind-to
what is married.

The bridge is just another storybook—now a classic—"The Little Prince," whose title quite has become synonymous: "What is essential is invisible to the eye."

Howie lies like a man: why this book by Foreman is a real find is thanks as much to what it really functions as (a book in a political or religious arena)—as revealed in a world of too many words—patches (one)—a book, *man* (the world of) of *man*.

In this richly designed book—less heavily, elegant manuscript of books and white space...the form truly captures the substance. The author's writings are pithy and have a ring of the circumstantial to them. Perhaps, that really

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Of RP's woes . . .

Source: <http://www.fishbase.org>

The United Nations stressed that a well-educated and skilled workforce is one of the most important factors in ensuring national and corporate competitiveness in an information-based global economy.

The young students that go through school today represent not only the future buyers of companies' products and services, but also the future customers and leaders.

Investment in education, then, makes sound good business sense, especially over the long run.

The Philippines needs to make up for lost time, as other countries, such as Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand have already overtaken in the numbers of students going through school.

Increasing loans in education

It reports by the United Nations for Asia. It also showed that the Philippines is one of the countries in Asia that scored the least in education.

This report, based on official 2000 and 2001 education figures from 22 countries in South and East Asia, showed only 5.5 percent of the Philippines' Gross Domestic Product was spent on education, compared to 6.2 percent for Malaysia and 5.4 percent for Thailand.

Emerson said in the report that a government's investment in education "is one indication of the relative importance that a government places on education, the funding priority to that it gives to each level of education and the identification of potential needs for additional resources in order to further develop

the individual system.¹⁰

A separate Education for All 2010 report showed that the Philippines spends about \$9,500 per pupil in the elementary and high school level, 1/4 of what Thailand spends for education and about 1/3 of that of Singapore.

The Philippines accounts a very below the world average of about P60,000 per student against a shade of the P200,000 per student that the US spends per student.

The challenges are certainly daunting, but substantial gains are already being made.

The government and the private sector, for instance, have joined hands in the Adopt-A-School Program where private firms become partners in education by helping develop the curriculum and teachers' skills, providing textbooks and other instructional materials and constructing or upgrading the school facilities.

Other private firms, on the other hand, have devoted to community-specific projects of the education reform. These include teacher training, school construction and even feeding programs to address mal-

These prohibited efforts are currently being
discontinued.

All that is needed is that local political commitment and resources to achieve the goals in the field of education.

We don't essentially have a choice. For when we help uplift the mass of public school education, we are not just investing in the future of children like Roman, who needs the odds just to get that education they so badly deserve.

We are also investing in our country's, and



NOTICE
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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

To all Stockholders:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Victoria Milling Company, Inc. scheduled on 1 February 2005, pursuant to the corporation's By-Laws, has been postponed by the Board of Directors to 1 March 2005, at 9:00 in the morning.

Formal notice and agenda for the meeting shall be published later.

(Sgt.) SANTIAGO T. GARRONZA, JR.
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If 'the price is right,' you win at Shopwise

WONDER, how it is that by knowing how much they can spend on each, especially if you're one of those shoppers who maximize the price of items you want to buy. Yet, the biggest winning game done in television history is this simple concept: to determine the winners in the \$3 class. 1994. Price is Right has been perennially ranked the classic "Come on down!" is in the collective parlance of those who grew up in the 60s. Inspired by the popular game show, Shopwise Super centers brings its customers monthly promotional concept. The "Win rate rate if the Price is Right at Shopwise" features weekly prizes, which allows customers to win exciting adventures by correctly guessing their actual retail price.

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From mechanics

What to get your most shopping skills to good use? All it takes is a quick search. Shopwise Price is Right is a \$3 class of participating products. Every \$300 purchase qualifies you to be a "Win rate rate if the Price is Right" game. You need only to fill up the information required in the card, take your most valuable game or the is a limited price of the discount, and drop in the bag box that corresponds to the price range of the featured merchandise.

The customer whose game is chosen to Our does not receive the actual retail price of the item, and will get to take home the featured discount of the week. In addition, the player will be awarded every week to complete in the final pricing game, which will be held on March 13, 2007 in Atlanta.

Prizes

"We are featuring five major adventures that cover to our customers' travel desires."

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Have some quiet ...

by George H.W.

"Thought, mind, deed. The thought is the power, the mind which creates your thoughts, the heart, the action which releases the action, the will of the mind." The quote captures the interconnectedness of a person's mind—when power and action are part of the message.

It's true that when you close out the world—turn off the radio, switch off the shiny screen TV, and the household to keep quiet for a change, and then close the doors—there are only two things left to deal with in silence: yourself and the Divine. Then, it's reflection time.

"Quietly speak," says the Gospel philosopher. Quietness is more contemporary with this gift. Quietness. "Take your life back. Dedicate me back out of 24 and your get 24 back in your control." Spoken like an ancient law—with a difference, he has the gift of beauty and clarity.

The book is long, spanning over 120 pages, in an easy read. The author's writings, edited and transcribed by George Lee Graham, deals with practical issues like anger, fear, learning, managing, doing your job, and a host of other daily concerns. And yet he speaks of them in their simplest form: when values principles.

As they say, when you speak principles, your students will take care of the scriptures. It begins with the principles of silence, and how each corner of quiet will emerge the power of being, clarity and, yes, wisdom. Many leaders of silence exist and exist now, when led to silence, some speak a word that has changed their lives—and that is a word and a word.

Of his, books have come into the world and continue to change or enrich them. The best gift, "Quietness: Divine Life," has moved well into the hands of people to be a hands-on practical guide to people.

This book... which shows wisdom from the whispering of a variety of philosophical and religious thoughts—may yet speak to the heart for something that touches the heart, or the divine and essential principles that make sense in our chaotic world in this noisy, noisy world. For that alone, this book deserves to be in your hands at night, or at your desk by day. (Amazon.com/GeorgeH.W.)

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Like Chris Bana Fortino



**MAINTAINING
VIBRANCY.**
When she bought in 1971, Mrs. Orsini bought this large understated property overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and built what was to become a summer retreat for friends and family. The house was inspired by New England coastal cottages with some of the major rooms of the ground floor opening to the ocean. The comfortable New England atmosphere was complemented by an Antebellum collection of birds, nudes for Northern Vineyard and artwork of various subjects.



BLUE White House: The late 19th century Victorian elegance and sophisticated charm house with an approximately 1,500 sq. ft. (172, 340-600) was once in Mrs Kennedy's dressing room in the White House.

Want a piece of Camelot?

Kennedy home items and memorabilia are up for auction next month

By Riky Go
Chris Bana

SITTREY'S will be auctioning on Feb. 25-27 over 600 lots from the Kennedy family home in its New York side room. Items from the family's Hyannis

Port, Martha's Vineyard, New Jersey, New York and Virginia homes are expected to yield over \$1 million, a portion of which will go to the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and other charities.

The property is managed by Caroline Kennedy, who has already given everything of

historical significance to the JFK Library and has kept the items she holds most dear to herself and her children.

"When my mother died in 1994, my brother and I were faced with the task of deciding what to do with her possessions," she writes in the catalogue's introduction. "And that careful contribution, the will of Mrs. Kennedy, was a gift of her life."

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EDITH'S
catalogue
cover shows
John and
Jackie
Kennedy in
Hyannis Port,
Massachusetts
July 1952
photo by Ely
Feldman, Getty
Images



NEW YORK: For over 35 years, Mrs. Ginepro has been the corner of Fifth Avenue and Fifth in the Upper East. Before a building that was one of the city's most luxurious in the 1920s and 1930s, Mrs. Ginepro was built with the large principal rooms of the living room, dining room and master bedroom located on the second floor. The building has large bedrooms, three bathrooms and generous staff quarters. The new Mrs. Ginepro is a modern, one-story town house with new French-style French fabric, paneling and furniture, which is sophisticated and refined but elegant, relaxed and living.



PORTRAIT of Jackie in a straw hat by Frank Bockley (set 100, vol. \$1-1,000)



FATHER & SON: John F. Kennedy and John Jr. in a restaurant, photo circa 1960 and 67, age 1000-1040

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of Camelot?



Mr. Dimaio provided a list of jewelry items for sale at <http://www.Primo.com>. The list included a diamond necklace of earrings in total retail price \$127,500 (\$5,000), a pair of diamond jewelry items from Australia. Dimaio also indicated that PMA had been contacted by the FBI. Dimaio will handle any case without a subpoena, in case of their concerns. An email address primo@tds.net, (408) 599-5889 is on this list and the price can be decreasing. In the 1996 sale of her property, PMA received \$40 (Lara Simulatore) and received while PMA. Dimaio paid a more expensive and the the Franklin House for \$2,000,000.

— **Shirley** —

in 2006, in the intervening years and the death of my brother, I found myself again with more losses and belongings than I could possibly use or value. I hope these objects, books and furniture will bring a sense of comfort to other widowed homes, and I hope these memories are as happy as mine were.¹

The 300-page catalogue is practically a personal chronicle of a graduate and privileged life—many before were photographs of their homes, country, family, friends, food, art, furniture, family pets, tapestries, paintings, books, jewelry and even the film *On the Waterfront* (mis)represented home. Masters and these trunks and luggage, including Louis Vuitton suitcases, was valued at \$75 to \$200 (and \$175 to \$77, what would those who paid full price

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HEARICK Now Jersey. Mrs. Kennedy began to spend weekends with her children and mother-in-law in 1961 at this magnificent 18th-century New Jersey house country. She married and eventually bought this house—which was ideal for riding and fox hunting. An avid horsewoman, she joined a syndicate and historical hunt club, Fox & Meadows. The house contained on a main living and dining room but also had a floor with floor-to-ceiling bookshelves, tapestries and a rich rug on the floor. Decorated in traditional English style using Royal crown, curtain and upholstery. Old Master paintings and wooden country furniture, this house was the setting for many Thanksgiving and birthday celebrations.



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KENNEDY children, Caroline and John Jr., reading with their mother in her NY apartment, portrait by James Oshin (see left, \$112,000), who also painted Kennedy's official White House portrait and many more in that post.



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INTERIOR view of Hyacinth Park, Massachusetts, showing several lots of *Syntherisma* (left).

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Herb as symbol of love and fidelity

By Serapion S. Metilla
Contributor

ROSEMARY has a stimulating aroma and is useful in cooking and medicine.

Scientifically called *Rosmarinus officinalis* (Labiataee), this bushy, aromatic evergreen shrub originated in the Mediterranean. Commonly called Romero, it is said to be the symbol of love and fidelity in medieval times. Sprigs of the aromatic plant

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were included in bridal wreaths and given to wedding guests.

When mature, the plant develops spikes of pale blue or lilac flowers that yield the essential oil used in eau de cologne.

In cooking, rosemary is best used to flavor roast and stewed mutton and lamb or in stuffing for strongly flavored meat. As tea, it is soothing and promotes good appetite.

Some of the herb's active components are flavonoids that are stimulants and antioxidants (substances that can neutralize highly active and damaging oxygen free radicals resulting from disease, radiation, etc.). Rosemary's phenols, like the rosmarinic acid, are antiseptic. They reduce inflammation and have analgesic (pain-relief) properties.

The herb also contains astringent tannins that fight infection. Its volatile oil has a sharp, stimulating fragrance with several active compounds like cineole and camphor.

Memory aid

Flavonoids stimulate blood circulation by strengthening the capillaries and improving venous blood flow. This helps improve memory and concentration, relieve headaches and stimulate hair growth. Prescribed for gut problems like dyspepsia, stomach cramps, bloating and constipation, rosemary also helps in digestion.

Studies on animals in 1987 showed that an extract of rosemary leaves and stems increased the flow of bile that is important in the digestion of fats. Rosemary was also found to be a diuretic (increases urine volume) and had a detoxifying effect on the liver.



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As an anti-inflammatory, it helps in the treatment of bronchial problems, as well as ear, nose and throat infections. It is a good tonic for people suffering from general fatigue and its aroma is therapeutic.

Rosemary oil can be diluted with a neutral oil like sunflower, and applied externally for rheumatic and muscular pain and inflammation. Extracts can help prevent premature baldness by stimulating hair follicles and scalp circulation when applied on the head. Antiseptic and astringent actions make the herb useful in treating dandruff.

Easy propagation

Rosemary can be easily propagated from cuttings. Gather tip cuttings, about 1½ inch. Remove some of the lower leaves and insert individually up to at least ½ inch deep into a sandy porous soil medium in plastic seedling pots. Press the soil lightly to make the plant steady.

A good potting medium is one consisting of one part river sand, one part garden soil, one part coco coir dust and one part aged rice hull. Place plant in a shady area. It must be constantly moist but not wet. When fully rooted, transfer the plant to a partly sunny area. Later, repot in a bigger container.

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Year's first plant show opens Jan. 28

HORTICULTURE 2005, the annual flower and garden show of the Philippine Horticultural Society Inc., will be held Jan. 28-Feb. 7 at the Manila Seedling Bank Environmental Center, corner Edsa and Quezon Avenue, QC.

Theme of this year's show is "Visions of Paradise." The by-invitation-only formal opening will be at 4 p.m., Jan. 28, with Adelia Angeles, an international plant connoisseur, and Chito Bertol, MSB president, presiding.

The exhibit will be open to the public 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Jan. 29.

Show chairs PJ Nepomuceno and Fely Gupit said the show aims to make people aware of how the environment could be turned into a real paradise with colorful lush vegetation.

Club members will exhibit collections of various ornamental plants both local and imported.

Some new plants with potential for landscaping or for indoor accent will also be introduced.

The show will feature plant competitions and lecture-demonstrations on plants and gardening.

Speakers and topics are: Chat Alejandro, "Feng Shui in the Garden"; PJ Nepomuceno, "Bromeliad Culture"; Fely S. Gupit, "Bonsai and Suiseki Stone Appreciation"; Andres Golanco Jr., "Potting and Growing Orchids"; Jimmy Floro, "Landscaping Your Own Pocket Garden"; Fernando Aurigue, "Mutation Breeding in Ornamental Plants"; Joyce Kato, "Paradise Regained in Ikebana"; East-West Seed Company, "Potted Flowering Plants"; PJ Nepomuceno, "Water Gardening"; Fernando Aurigue, "Breeding of Ornamental Plants"; PJ Nepomuceno, "Fern Culture"; and Serapion S. Metilla, "Tray Landscaping and Terrarium Making."

Plants and other garden materials will be raffled off after the lectures.



FRED Salud's first-prize booth landscape at Horti 2003

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100-year-old women's movement turns its attention on environment

FOR as long as we can remember, Filipino women's duties have centered themselves with matters close to their members' everyday lives—education, social work, women's rights, children's welfare, home and family.

Recently, however, they've moved their goals further to include politics and even war. Now they're taking on ecological issues as well, for which we applaud them.

These active women are also to be seen members of the Feminist Movement of the Philippines (FMP), which is making its centennial in 2005 by virtue of a presidential proclamation. The observance is under the auspices of the Planned Commission on the Role of Women and the National Federation of Women Clubs of the Philippines.

The FMP has lined up several activities to mark this big anniversary including the awarding of medals, meetings and speeches.

But it will not be all talk and display. They have also taken up the advocacy of moral reform, legislation, governance and, specifically, the environment.

The women's movement in the Philippines has long put the women's search for equality with men in more often than college (which they fought to end) in FMP.

The Filipino women have always been equal to the men, as history attests. She is the matriarch of the family group and the manager of her home. As such, she is closely aware of the needs of her family and, by extension, of

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the country.

Her involvement in environmental issues is, thus, nothing new. But has always been aware of what the land and sea provide because they meet many of the family's daily needs. The Filipino women's clear affinity to nature is manifest even in her choice of clothes that usually have something to do with gardening and horticulture.

Worried for action is FMP's environmental agenda are the following:

- Push for the implementation of a law declaring a five-year moratorium on large-scale mining to allow the repair of damage caused by mine pollution all over the country.
- Call for legislation from the national and local governments to stop massive legal and illegal logging and encourage investments of time, money and funds on reforestation of denuded areas. And, as advocate for urban, FMP advocates the planning and use of land.
- Stopping the establishment of megamalls for the retail industry is next. She, thus, the FMP will work for the implementation of local

programs for people making a living on forest products.

Increasing fishing, (more and, bigger, boats) has to be stopped, too. The movement is pushing for the enactment of RA 117 which prohibits commercial fishing within 15 km from the shore. Otherwise of fishing boats guilty of this violation will be arrested. In the same vein, foreign poachers will be stopped by the efficient safeguard of our waters.

• The FMP is also pushing for legislation that would mandate the setting aside of one percent of the annual revenue allocation of local governments for environmental projects such as the setting up of recycling centers and the purchase of equipment for separating organic waste and conversion of rubbish into bio-fuels. Use of incinerators instead of incinerated trash will be required of the Department of Public Highways to prevent soil erosion.

The FMP also keeps its eyes on environmental issues that crop up in seemingly unrelated matters, such as what it perceives to be the overkill of shopping mall construction. This should be prohibited, it maintains, because not only do malls run small vendors in the same area out of business, they also increase pollution and congestion as they use up more water and electricity.

For these efforts and more, we congratulate the FMP.

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